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Testimony on Raised Bill No. 5384 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF TERMS AND MINOR REVISIONS IN THE ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND UTILITIES STATUTES.

Committee on Energy and Technology

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The following testimony is submitted on behalf of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, a statewide nonprofit membership organization of over 5,000 families dedicated to farming and the future of Connecticut agriculture.

The Connecticut Farm Bureau would like to see the definition of "Class I renewable energy source" in Section (6) be amended to include the language "anaerobic digestion of organic waste".

This would be consistent with the OLR Research Report titled Anaerobic Digester and Renewable Energy Credits published January 12th, 2012. In the report it cites that in 2008, The Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) issued a declaratory ruling the energy produced from methane created from manure and organic waste that is placed into a digester and decomposed under anaerobic conditions qualifies as a class I resource.